The next day the General feasted the Governor and his company in a brave manner to the honour of his country and his own worthy commendation, and, on the day following, wind and tide being favourable, they set sail and so ranged about the islands seeking their fortune

The day after they had left St George's Island two tall ships were discovered which they chased until the following noon when they came up with them, and commanded to strike for the Queen of England Whereon as they showed the Leaguers' flag and refused to strike, the gunner shot one of them through, being the Admiral, so that she was forced to lie by the lee to stop her leak Then the Vice-Admiral bare up to rescue her consort, whom the General commanded also to strike, but they answered despitefully they would not, but would sink in the seas ere they would yield or strike So the company demanded who they were They answered that they were the *Dolphins,* the *Great Dolph^n* and the *Little Dolphin* of St Malo, stout ships and well appointed, the least of them having two and twenty cast pieces

* Well,' quoth the General,[c] strike your flag, for never shall so base villains as you carry your flag where an English gentleman is'

They said again that they would not

Then the General bare with them and gave them his whole broadside and sheered close in to board, but by the negligence of the helmsman they fell off, to the General's great discontent

By this time the men in the Admiral had stopped her leak, and as they saw the General beanng upon them they made ready to fight, and first they gave a whole broadside which hit not the ship at all

Then began a hot fight in which they suffered loss, for some of our men who entered the Admiral saw seven or eight men slam and hauled up m their forecastle At the third encounter our men grappled with the Admiral so that she was not able to sheer away, and the General with twenty more boarded her , but the Vice-Admiral coming up on the other side entered her men so that ours were forced to retire and break away, having given the enemy great damage but received little hurt themselves For four hours longer the fight continued until night came on, when